(b) and (c) The State Government have undertaken two medium projects *viz.* Pilasalki and Bondapiple in Phul-bani District. Their ultimate irrigation potential is 7390 ha., out of which a potential of 3590 ha. was expected to be created by the end of the sixth plan

2598. *[Trans'erred to the* 18*/» *December,* 1985].

Allotment of newsprint to Newspapers

2599. SHRI N. E. BALRAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many newspapers could not take delivery of the allotted newsprint quota for the year 1984-85 from the State Trading Corporation due to failure of S. T. C. to import enough quantity of newsprint for want of foreign exchange;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for net releasing enough foreign exchange for this purpose; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in the case of such newspapers who could not taken delivery of news print from S.T.C. for this reason?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A few newspapers could not be serviced imported newsprint to the extent pi the quota allotted to them by the State Trading Corporation of India on account of constraints on foreign exchange resources.

(c) Servicing of the unserviced newsprint quota to such newspapers would depend on availability $_0$f foreign exchange.

IJnder-utflization of installed capacities to Sugar Mills

2600. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to $_s$tate.

(a) what is the number of sugar mills in the country and their location State-wise**;**

(b) what is th$_e$ total installed capacity of the mills;

(c) whether it i$_8$ a 'fact that ^{m} so*^{16} of the factories there is under utilization of the installed capacities; and

(d) if so, what steps are being take» by Government fo improve thei$_r$ perfor mance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P SINGH DEO): (a) There are 360 installed sugar factories in the country at present. A statement giving the location of these factories* State-wise: is attached *[See* appendix CXXXVI, Annexure No. 48].

(b) The total installed capacity of sugar factories a$_s$ on 30-11-85 was 73.59 lark tonnes of annual sugar production,

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following steps have been take* by the Government to ensur$_e$ full utilization of installed capacity:

1. The Statutory minimum price *of* Sugarcane for 1985-86 season has increased from Rs. 14.00 to &>• I$^{6\text{-}5}$* per quintal linked t$_0$ a basic recovery of 8.5 per cen$_t$ with proportionate premium of every 0.1 per cent "So *» recovery abov$_e$ Eh$_e$ basic level. The statutory minimum price for 1986-87 season has also been announced simu-ltaneously at Rs. 17.00 per quintal linked to a recovery of 8.5 per ceu which is indicative of the step$_s$ being taken by Government of India t$_0$ boost indigenous production. During the current sugar year, it is expected that factories, would be able to pay on an all-India basis, an average can$_e$ price of Rs. 24.00 per quintal as against Rs. 21.00 and 22.00 per quintal paid in earlier season,

2. The State Governments have *been* requested to make available adequate sugarcane for sugar factories by taking effective regulatory and development measures.

3. Sugar Development Fund Rules provide for extending loan assistance for sugarcane development. The